

REMARKS

This Amendment After Allowance is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. Claims 1-12, 21 and 22 are presently in the application and have been allowed. By this Amendment the applicants seek to amend independent claim 1.

Claim 1 recites "a lead frame", "said first side of said lead frame", and "said second side of said lead frame". The word and has been added so that the claim clearly recites "a lead frame ... having opposing first and second sides." This ensures that "first side" and "second side" have clear antecedent basis.

Claim 1 is also amended to recite that the lands and chip attach sites are formed from a monolithic electrically conductive structure. This language is consistent with the specification (page 3, lines 24-25; paragraph 0013 of the published application), and more accurately reflects the completed structure shown in FIG. 7.

The applicants wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner for having allowed this application. The applicants respectfully request that the Examiner recommend the present Amendment be entered without withdrawing the application from issue.

The Issue Fee remains due on January 29, 2010.

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